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Applicants: H. KANAI, et al

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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January 20, 2004

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the second month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding final Office Action dated August 20, 2003, and as a result of the filing of a Notice of Appeal on January 20, 2004. A Credit Card Payment Form authorizing the amount of \$420.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 520.39648X00).

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Respectfully submitted,

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